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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

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~~23. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is methyl and R<sub>4</sub> is -O-X-(R<sub>5</sub>)<sub>m</sub>.~~

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~~24. A compound according to claim 23, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is methyl.~~

~~25. A compound according to claim 24, wherein X is S and m is 2.~~

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~~26. A compound according to claim 25, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is a member independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom; a hydroxyl group; =O; substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>(3-10)</sub> alkyl, C<sub>(2-10)</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>(2-10)</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>(1-10)</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>(1-10)</sub> oxoalkyl, C<sub>(1-10)</sub> carboxyalkyl, C<sub>(1-10)</sub> hydroxyalkyl; and a substituted C<sub>(1-2)</sub> alkyl group.~~

~~27. A compound according to claim 26, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is H, OH or =O.--~~